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## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$5,000,000 Dollars. Reserve Fund, \$1,800,000 Dollars.

## Court of Directors.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq. Deputy Chairman—Hon. W. KESWICK. E. R. BEULIOIS, Esq. WILHELM REINER, Esq. H. L. DALEY, Esq. F. D. SASSON, Esq. H. HOFFMANN, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq. A. McIVER, Esq.

## Chief Manager.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

## Manager.

Shanghai, EWEEN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

## INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance. For Fixed Deposits:—For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 " " " " 12 " 5 " " " "

## LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS. At 3 months' notice 3% per annum. " 6 " 4 " " " " 12 " 5 " " " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000. RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

## BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London, and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 " " " " 12 " 5 " " " "

## For Sale.

## FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna.

Brazil and Barcelona NUTS.

LETT'S DIARIES for 1879.

Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS.

American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs.

FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

COCOA MATTING.

TAPESTRY CARPET.

DOOR MATS.

California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS.

WHITNEY BLANKETS.

REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.

LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.

GREEN and MARONE REP.

FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.

FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits.

NAVY BLUE SERGE.

CLOTH TROUSER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety.

CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES.

VEYRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS.

IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH.

DESSERT, DINNER and BREAKFAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

FOLDING CHAIRS.

CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES.

HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.

CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS.

CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c., &c.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

## FOR SALE.

EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.



SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS. VOGEL & Co., Sole Agents for China. Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my19

## Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company, will be held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of March next, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of passing certain Special Resolutions providing for the following alterations in the Constitution and Articles of Association of the Company; viz:—

1.—That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as heretofore.

2.—That if in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to warrant the Payment of Interest at \$12 per cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital, they may during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the Interests of the Company.

3.—To enable the Directors if a necessity shall arise to pay such Interest or any part thereof out of the Reserve Fund.

4.—To provide that when there shall be profits applicable for dividend the same shall be divisible at the Shareholders in Meeting shall determine.

5.—That Fourteen Days instead of Thirty Days notice may be given of all Meetings of the Company.

6.—That Clause 147 of the Articles of the Company be amended, leaving future changes in the Regulations of the Company to be made as provided for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1865.

NOTICE is hereby also given, that a Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be held at the same Hour and Place on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of Confirming such Special Resolutions as may be passed at the First mentioned Meeting.

Dated this Third day of February, 1879.

By Order, J. BRADLEY SMITH, General Agent.

## For Sale.

## EX LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS.

LETT'S DIARIES. LETT'S DIARIES.

RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS.

RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS.

HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILBER LAMPS.

French and English BOOTS and SHOES.

The New Patent LIFE VESTS.

PONY HARNESS, CHUBB'S FIREPROOF SAFES.

SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES.

HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS.

COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS.

SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES.

FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES.

CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.

PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES.

DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS.

DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted.

AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.

SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS.

BASE'S ALLE, GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER.

Pass in Hds., SACCONI'S SHERRIES.

## LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

## Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th March, 1879, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, J. BRADLEY SMITH, General Agent.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879. ma24

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last, at the Rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1 Sigs.) per Share of \$120, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at HALF PAST TWO O'CLOCK in the Afternoon of MONDAY, the 24th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th February, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

## NOTICE.

MRS. J. F. ROSE begs to intimate to the Ladies of HONGKONG, CANTON and the Coast Ports that on the 1st MARCH she will OPEN a DRAPERY and DRESS-MAKING Business in the Premises lately occupied by Messrs. ROSS & Co., next door to the Hongkong Hotel, Queen's Road.

All communications to be addressed to Mrs. J. F. ROSE, as the Business will be conducted on her sole account.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879. mal

## DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving HONGKONG on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

## Intimations.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Tenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February next, at Three O'CLOCK in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1878, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe26

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th day of February next, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe26

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, 24th February, 1879, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878; and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th Instant, both days included.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 6, 1879. fe24

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the RATE of 3% or \$2.25 per SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be Payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after FRIDAY Next, the 21st Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879.

## TAKASHIMA COAL.

THE Undersigned are prepared to Deliver the above COAL, ex Godown, in quantities to suit Purchasers.

LINSTEAD & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879. mal

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co., Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878. my29

## Intimations.

NAVAL CONTRACT, 1879-80.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be Received by the Undersigned, until Noon on TUESDAY, the 25th Instant, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the Year 1879-80, viz:—

BISCUITS. RAISINS. SOFT BREAD. RICE. FRESH BEET. SUGAR. FRESH VEGETABLES. TEA. WATER.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

J. BRENNER, Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard, Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe25

## NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR EASTLACK will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

F. H. T. G. H. I. N. G. S. begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will Repeat their PERFORMANCE of SULLIVAN'S NAUTICAL OPERA, in Two Acts, Entitled:—

"H. M. S. PINAFORE," OR "THE LASS THAT LOVED A SAILOR," SATURDAY EVENING, the 22nd Instant.

Doors Open at 8.30 p.m., Performance to Commence at 9.

Tickets may be procured and Seats reserved at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s Store, at any time after 10 a.m. To-morrow (WEDNESDAY), the 19th Instant.

G. B. EMORY, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879. fe23

## Shipping.

## Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, PORT DARWIN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BRISBANE,"

Captain REDDEL, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 22nd Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe23

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Company's Steamship "OCEAN,"

Commander, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 6th Proximo, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879. ma5

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship "SAINT MARK,"

Capt. T. J. JOHNSON, shortly expected from Singapore, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

## Shipping.

## Steamers.

## NOTICE.



## Auctions.

**NOTICE.**  
The Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on the Premises, on

## SATURDAY.

the 22nd day of February, 1879, at Noon, if not previously sold by private contract, of which due notice will be given.

**THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY**, situated on the Praya at Wanchai, now in complete working Order and capable of refining 500 piculs of raw sugar per day. The Property comprises all that valuable piece of ground situated at Wanchai, Hongkong, abutting on the North side on the Praya, and measuring thereon One Hundred and Sixty feet, on the South side on the Queen's Road, and measuring thereon Two Hundred feet, on the East side on a close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 42, and measuring thereon Five Hundred and Four feet, and on the West side on a close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 64, and measuring thereon Three Hundred and Eighty-two feet, containing in the whole 86,200 square feet, or nearly two statute acres, all level ground, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 40, held for an unexpired term of 979 years from 1863, with the valuable Messuages and Buildings thereon, which were especially built for the purposes of a Sugar Refinery according to Weirich's Patent and other approved processes, with the valuable new Machinery, Plant, Fixtures and Fittings thereon. Also the sole right and benefit of the Patent for Refining Sugar by the Weirich Process, obtained from the Government of Hongkong by WILLIAM MCGREGOR SMITH for the term of Fourteen Years from the 28th day of May, 1874.

There is an abundant and unfailing supply of fresh water on the Premises, ample for refining over 2,000 piculs of Sugar daily.

The whole Property will be sold free from all charges and Incumbrances save the Crown Rent and Taxes, subject to the conditions of Sale, which can be inspected at the Office of the Undersigned.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to WILLIAM HENRY BARNES, Solicitor, No. 29 Queen's Road; Messrs SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House; and Messrs STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors, Club Chambers; or

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 8th day of Feb, 1879.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

## MONDAY.

the 24th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road.

A Private Collection of CHOICE and VALUABLE CURIOS, comprising:—Bronzes, Vases, Lacquered Ware, Enamelled Bronzes, China Ware, Sappho-stone Ornaments, Jade-stone Carvings. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879. fe24

**AUCTION OF RARE AND VALUABLE BOOKS,** FROM BERNARD QUARITCH, LONDON.

The Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

## MONDAY.

the 24th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road.

An Invoice of RARE and VALUABLE BOOKS.

Catalogues can be had by applying to the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879. fe24

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

By order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CLUB LUBRANO, with the sanction of a majority of the Shareholders given in General Meeting.

The Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

## SATURDAY.

the 1st March, 1879, at 2 p.m., on the Premises.

Lot 1.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, being portion of Inland Lot No. 128, measuring about 6,400 square feet, with a Frontage of 91 feet, more or less, on Elgin Terrace; and the MATERIALS of that portion of the Building known as the LUBRANO THEATRE, being upon the said Piece of Ground.

Lot 2.—The GAS SUNLIGHT, BRACKETS, PIPES, and other GAS FITTINGS, and SEATS in the said Theatre.

Conditions of Sale and Particulars of the Property may be obtained upon application at the Office of the Undersigned, where also a Plan of the Premises may be seen.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879. mal

## SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off Clothing, Books, or Furnishings will be thankfully received at the SAILOR'S HOME, West Point.

Hongkong, July 28, 1878.

## Auctions.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**ELEGANT AMERICAN AND ENGLISH-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, CHROMOS, OLEOGRAPHS, GLASS WARE, PLATED WARE, PIANO,** &c., &c., &c.

The Undersigned has received instructions from H. S. LORING, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

## TUESDAY.

the 25th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Residence, United States Consulate, Arbutnot Road.

The whole of the ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—English-made Mahogany Drawing-room Suite.

American-made Cabinets, with Glass Doors.

Blackwood Tables, Handsomely Carved.

Blackwood Carved Marble-top Tables.

Crystal Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Carpets, Hearth-rugs, Engravings, Oil Paintings, and Chromos.

American Bronzes, Statuettes, and Ornaments.

English-made Mahogany Dining-room Suite.

English-made Mahogany Telescope Dining Table.

American-made Oak Sideboard, Handsomely Carved.

American-made Walnut Dining-room Chairs.

Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, and Glassware.

Double Brass Bedstead, Mahogany Cheval Glass with Marble-top Stands, Marble-top Toilet Table and Washstands, Lady's Wardrobe, American-made Walnut Wardrobe with Plate Glass Door.

Office Desks, Writing Tables, Book-Shelves, Clocks, &c.

A COTTAGE PIANO, by JOHN BROADWOOD and Sons.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Monday, the 24th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879. fe25

**Notices to Consignees.**

**GERMAN BARK "EXCELSIOR,"** Captain Klock, FROM HAMBURG.

The above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 17, 1879. fe24

**FROM HAMBURG, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.**

The S. S. *Hesperia*, Capt. JOHANNSEN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m. To-morrow, the 15th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 14, 1879. fe21

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE GRAMPEAUX, Agent.

Ex "Ara."

R U S No. 111, Order, 1 case Drapery, from London.

A M E (in diamond) A M C (underneath) No. 8/8, Order, 2 cases Haberdashery, from London.

H J A H (in cross) No. 107, A/dridge Salmon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from London.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879.

**NOW READY.**

**CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT.** Paris I. and II. A to M; with introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Five Dollars, or Two Dollars AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LAY, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

## Intimations.

**MOORE & Co., "VARIETY STORE,"** NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS. No. 42, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

**Not Responsible for Debts.**

*Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—*

*PACIFIC*, German steamer, Capt. Hornsheim.—Siemens & Co.

*BRETHOVEN*, German barque, Capt. R. Heje.—Melchers & Co.

*S. B. ALLEN*, American barque, Captain L. Taylor.—Meyer & Co.

*ARABELLA*, British barque, Captain Thos. Pearson.—Master.

*R. M. HAYWARD*, American schooner, Captain Doane.—Remedios & Co.

*WANDERING MINSTREL*, British barque, Capt. Sievwright.—Captain.

*LAKOS*, British barque, Capt. T. Brown.—Eduard Schellhass & Co.

**To-day's Advertisements.**

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.** The Steamship "DOUGLAS,"

Capt. M. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 23rd Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 20, 1879. fe23

**FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.** The Steamship "TEVIOT,"

expected here on or about the 24th Instant, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 20, 1879.

**G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.**

**NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.**

48, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, February 20, 1879. ma20

**SHIPPING.**

**ARRIVALS.**

Feb. 20, *Penrith*, British barque, 549, Remington, Tourn Feb. 8, General.

Feb. 20, *Argyll*, British steamer, 1271, Scott, Bangkok Feb. 12, midnight, Rice.

Feb. 20, *Jardine*, Matheson & Co. from Whampoa.

Feb. 20, *Prince Arthur*, British barque, from Whampoa.

**DEPARTURES.**

Feb. 20, *Bury St. Edmunds*, for Elephant Point.

20, *Pallas*, for Saigon.

20, *Paul Marie*, for Whampoa.

20, *Namoa*, for Coast Ports.

20, *Northern Star*, for Newchwang.

**CLEARED.**

*Agat*, for New York.

*Elizabeth Nicholson*, for Manila.

*Rajaniathanahar*, for Bangkok.

*Wm. Phillips*, for Tourn.

**PASSENGERS.**

ARRIVED.

Per *Argyll*, from Bangkok, 8 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Namoa*, for Swatow, Mr Barton; for Fochow, Miss Gordon Cumming, and Mrs Bendon.

TO DEPART.

Per *Rajaniathanahar*, for Bangkok, 208 Chinese.

**SHIPPING REPORTS.**

The British steamer *Argyll* reports: Two days strong monsoon, remainder fresh and moderate monsoon and fine weather.

**CARGOES.**

Per S. S. *Glenyle*, from Canton Waters to London, sailed 14th February, 1879:—

Tea—22,683 lbs. Congou, 10,448 lbs. So. Caps, 2,058 lbs. So. Or. Pekoe, and 2,016 lbs. So. to the Continent, 24,000 lbs. Tea—total 60,860 lbs.

Per *Malwa*, sailed 15th February, 1879:—

From Hongkong and Canton: to United Kingdom, 17 cases Silk Piece Goods; to the Continent, 30 bales Punjum Silk.

From Shanghai: to London, 29 boxes and 805 half-chests Tea; to United Kingdom, 308 bales Silk, 2 cases Silk Piece Goods, and 8 bales Waste Silk; to New York, 26 bales Silk.

From Japan: to the Continent, 80 bales Silk, and 84 cases Waste Silk.

**POST OFFICE NOTICES.**

**MAILS will close:—**

For SAIGON.—Per *Ramothu*, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the 21st inst.

For MANILA.—Per *Emerald*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 22nd inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.—Per *Douglas*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 22nd inst.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.—Per *Ocean*, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 27th inst.

**MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—**

The British Contract Packet *Guilford*, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 1st March, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Surabaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, S. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—**  
The French Contract Packet *Yangtze* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suva, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

**MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.—**

The Australian Contract Packet *Brisbane*, will be despatched from Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, with Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Kessel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 10 a.m.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30. Supplementary mail on board with 18 cents late fee till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Gallé.

Hongkong, Feb. 20, 1879. fe22

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—**

The United States Mail Packet *City of Peking* will be despatched on MONDAY, the 24th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West India (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

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**HOURS OF CLOSING**

THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure.—

5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure.—

7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

**Quotations.**

Hongkong, February 20, 1879.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash...\$577½

credit, ...

Old Patna, cash, ...

credit, ...

New Benares, cash, 547½

credit, ...

Old Benares, cash, ...

credit, ...

New Malwa, cash, 810

credit, ...

Allowance Teels, ...

Old Malwa, cash, 810

credit, ...

Allowance Teels, ...

**Exchange.**

Bank, Telegraphic, ... 3/6

30 days' sight, ... 3/6½

6 months' sight, ... 3/7½

Credits, ... 3/7½

Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/7½

India, Telegraphic, ... 218½

demand, ... 220

Shanghai, demand, ... 72½

30 days' sight, ... 73

Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 109½

Gynee, ... 109

Mexicans, ... 2 ½ c.

Gold Leaf, 99½ touch, ... 28.30

Sovereigns, ... 5.84

**Shares.**



## ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Last night a little after midnight a fire broke out in No. 107 House, Spring Gardens, occupied by Mr. Mulgrave, a turnkey at the Victoria Gaol. He believes it was the work of an incendiary. It appears it originated in his bed-room; he was away on duty, and no one in his house at the time. The fire succeeded in completely burning Mr. Mulgrave's house and the upper part of the next house occupied by Mr. Da Silva of the Patent Slip Co., and would have made short work of this house also had not assistance been quickly on the spot. Mr. Da Silva's furniture was completely destroyed between the fire and the floods of water poured upon the house from the fire engines. Opposite the fire was the Convent of the French Sisters of Charity, who shelter from 300 to 400 Chinese Orphan children. These were all in a panic, dressed in the yard of their convent ready to escape, should the fire cross the road to the Convent Buildings. Fortunately there was no wind, and the fire was confined to the Buildings in which it originated. Four thieves were caught in one of the bed-rooms of Mr. Da Silva's house stealing his effects, and were taken to the Police Station.

The following Fire Engines were quickly on the spot:—The Ordinance Store Engine with Officers, Foremen and Coolies to work it; the 74th Regiment Engine, with a Military party to work it; the Hongkong Fire Brigade Engine, worked by the men and Officers of the Fire Brigade; the Government Engine (later on), and the Chinese Engine (two). The above worked admirably, and soon brought the fire under.

The following were promptly on the spot:—General Donovan, Commodore Watson, Commissary General of Ordnance Moore, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, Deputy Superintendents McEuen and Carvalho, Engineer Bailie of the Brigade, Capt. Deane, (Supt. of Police), Commandant Coxon (Volunteer Corps), Messrs Coughtrie, Cheyne and many others.

A small court or narrow passage separated the burning house from the late Seamen's Club house, and the sparks rising at one time at a furious rate were being deposited upon the roof of the Club House. Commissary General Moore proposed to Superintendent Coughtrie to provide wadmittills and tanned hides, to wet them thoroughly by immersion in the sea, then spread them over the roof of the Seamen's Club House, keeping a flood of water playing upon them from one of the Fire Engines. By this means the sparks as they descended upon the roof. This suggestion was agreed to, and Assistant Commissioners Horan and Clarke, with a number of coolies, were despatched for these articles. In a short time a cart-load of wadmittills and hides fully saturated with water was on the spot ready for use, but the fire engines by this time had so reduced the flames that it was not necessary to use them. We beg however to call the attention of the Fire Brigade to this expedient. No doubt at the great fire of Christmas 1878, we have at all events gained something. The energy, activity and aptitude displayed by all last night—with but a few exceptions—affords a guarantee that future fires will be promptly and efficiently dealt with.

## CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The first ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders in the above Company was held this morning at the offices of the General Agents, Queen's Road. There were present: Hon. W. Keswick (in the chair) and Messrs. Forbes, Bellios, Reimers, F. D. Sassoon, Glover, Coxon, Jackson, Davis, and Bevis. The notice convening the meeting having been read,

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen, with your permission it will be convenient if we take the Report and Accounts as read. They have been in your hands for some days, and, in addition to the particulars given in them, there is not much for me to tell you with regard to the working of the Refinery. The advance that took place in Raw Sugar shortly after the formation of the Company, and the high prices that ruled to the end of the season rendered earnings very considerably, but the results shown indicate very satisfactorily what may be attained to under more favourable circumstances. The produce of the Refinery has obtained a footing in nearly every eastern market; and an important feature is the favour it has met with amongst shippers to Bombay and to other distant markets. Of course our principal non-local outlets are Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Yokohama; and for Leaf Sugar and Cube made under our patents there has sprung up, in addition to Chinese requirements, a demand in Manila. We require only the cheap raw material. The good crops now being prepared for market promise us increased earnings, and with the extension of the Refinery now being made we hope to occupy fully the important field of industry we have entered upon, and which the special advantages possessed by the Company's property enable us to do to a comparatively small cost. The Consulting Committee and Agents have weighed carefully the question of providing for the expenditure necessitated by the extension, and it has been thought well to obtain by loan the sum required beyond our available funds, and thus to avoid adding permanently to the capital of the Company. I now propose the adoption of the Report, and that the accounts do pass, but before asking any gentleman to second the motion I should state that I shall be happy to answer any questions that may be addressed to me.

Mr. JACKSON seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN: The next business is the appointment of the Consulting Committee for 1879.

Mr. JACKSON moved that Messrs. W. H. Forbes, F. D. Sassoon, E. R. Bellios, and W. Reimers be re-appointed as the Consulting Committee for the year.

The CHAIRMAN: I may mention that the Consulting Committee had Mr. Lai Yuk Sun among its members last year, but it has been very rarely that he has attended our meetings; his knowledge of English is almost nil, and although we should like to have the Chinese community represented on the Committee, still I do not think it is absolutely necessary, and his name is not mentioned in the motion just proposed.

Mr. COXON: I beg to second the motion. Carried unanimously.

## SAD CASE OF SUICIDE.

A Coroner's Inquest was held this afternoon at the Government Civil Hospital, before Mr. C. V. Creagh, Coroner, and Messrs. F. B. Steil, J. A. d'Almeida, and A. F. Remedios as jurors, on the body of James Morgan Farmer, a gentleman formerly resident in Chefoo. It appears that, while in a nervous state of mind, deceased cut his throat with a razor, and then jumped over the verandah into the street from the house of Meyer & Co., Praya East. The facts may be gathered from the following epitome of the evidence given.

Mr. H. Meyerlinck, sworn, deposed:—I am a partner in the firm of Meyer & Co. I first saw deceased a year ago in Shanghai. He arrived here from Amoy on Wednesday week last, and stayed at my house since that time. Deceased drank heavily and was intoxicated on his arrival and all the time until Sunday; he was very nervous on that day. He resumed drinking on the Monday, and had two or three bottles of champagne on that day. On Tuesday he was again very nervous, and had delirium tremens over night. He called me up about 3 1/2 a.m., and said he saw all sorts of things dancing about. He said it was a serious case, and I told him to lie down; I then gave him a couch in my room, where I got him something to eat. He was quiet, but afterwards I took him to Dr. Gerlach, who gave him a sleeping draught. On Wednesday morning he seemed sober but very much confused. The last time I saw deceased he said he was about to read his letters he had got from home. I next heard of what had occurred about 5 p.m., and went to the house. Deceased was then quite dead, and was being taken to the Hospital.

Dr. Wharry, sworn, deposed:—The body of deceased was brought to the Hospital about 7 o'clock yesterday evening, when I saw it. It was recently dead, and was that of a European male about 40 years of age. There were a number of incised wounds in the throat, and one very severe one on the right side. A bruise was apparent on the right upper-arm, and the right collar bone was broken. The back was somewhat discoloured by bruises. Death appeared to have resulted from the wounds in the throat. The symptoms described by the last witness would lead me to say that deceased had suffered from delirium tremens. The wounds in the throat might have been caused by the razor produced.

Low Apin, declared, states:—I am head servant in Meyer and Co.'s house. Deceased came to the house on the 12th. Between 5 and 6 last evening I saw the deceased lying in the side channel dead, with his throat cut. I know the razors produced; they belong to my master. I saw deceased at 11 a.m. on Wednesday; he then went up to his room, and I did not see him again alive. Deceased ate very little after he arrived.

Mr. Albert Goetz, clerk to Meyer & Co., deposed:—I have known the deceased since 1877. He told me his name was James Morgan Farmer; I met him first in Shanghai. He was then employed in the firm of Corns & Co., of Chefoo.

Inspector William Horton, sworn, deposed:—About 5.30 o'clock last evening I heard a police whistle, and going out saw the body of deceased lying, when I at once sent a looking to No. 2 Station. Deceased was covered with blood, and a pool of blood had gathered round his head. I took out his watch, which showed it was 5 minutes to 6 o'clock. In about 2 minutes' time deceased breathed his last, and on laying down his head, I observed that his throat was cut. I sent the body to the Hospital, and then went upstairs.

In one room on the 2nd floor I saw a pool of blood on the floor and on the sofa, with a little on the path leading to the parapet of the verandah. I saw the razor produced on the floor, close to the couch; and the razor-case open on the toilet table.

Mr. Meyerlinck, in reply to the Coroner, stated that deceased never threatened to take away his life, though he was anxious that his employers should not hear of his condition. He was very well off in a pecuniary way.

The Coroner, having made an arrangement with Mr. Meyerlinck as to the disposal of certain property belonging to deceased—pocket-book, watch, &c.—he asked the Jury for their verdict. This was unanimously given as:—“Suicide, while in an unsound state of mind.”

The Acting Attorney General (J. Russell, Esq.) prosecuted.

It would appear from the evidence that the defendant and another man had been observed on board the Canton steamer by P. O. Campbell, whose attention was directed towards them owing to the suspicious manner in which they moved about. Enquiries were instituted, and it was discovered that the child had been stolen from a house in Chinese territory. The house had been burglariously entered and the other man was detained by the Chinese authorities to answer for the burglary. The defendant was then brought back here and charged with being concerned in detaining the child.

The Attorney General withdrew.

prosecution on the second count as there was no evidence to show that he had attempted to sell the child.

The Jury retired and returned into Court saying that they could not agree, but they had found the prisoner guilty by six to one.

His Lordship said he could not accept that verdict and asked them to retire again. They did so, and after a short absence returned into court, the foreman saying that they were still unable to agree, they were now 5 to 2. His Lordship remarked that they ought to be away 24 hours. He then reviewed the evidence again, very carefully, and the Jury once more retired, and after a few moments absence returned into court with a verdict as follows:—“We are all of opinion that the prisoner was guilty of assisting in the abduction of the child.” His Lordship said that he could not accept that verdict, he must either have a verdict of guilty or not guilty. The Jury would have to retire again, and as soon as they were agreed His Lordship could be called. The Jury after half-an-hour's absence returned into Court, and returned a unanimous verdict of guilty. Sentence was reserved.

REGINA V. LEE ACHIN. The prisoner pleaded guilty to child-stealing and pleaded in extenuation that he was the uncle of the child's father. The father was called and it appeared that a relationship did exist but a very distant one. Sentence reserved.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice SNOWDEN.) REGINA V. C. AN AZ. The following gentlemen comprised the Jury:—Messrs. A. Gillanders, L. Mallory, F. M. Gonsalves, J. B. Smith, J. W. Sykes, O. J. Gonsalves, and J. A. Ferrás.

Mr. Ng Choy appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Crown. The prisoner was indicted for stealing one box of clothing, the property of one Wong Tak Kit, at Yow-mah-ti, on the 20th day of January last, and further with being found armed with a knife. There were also two previous convictions against the prisoner.

The prisoner, it appears, went on board a junk lying near the Praya at Yow-mah-ti. He was nearly naked, and armed with a knife. The people on board the junk were alarmed and fled. The noise attracted the attention of P. O. No. 7 (W. Fisher) and observing the prisoner running along the praya, gave chase. The prisoner finding that the constable was gaining upon him turned and stood his ground, he made a cut at the constable with a large rusty knife, but Fisher managed to ward off the blow, and knocked the rascal down. The prisoner got his fingers badly cut when the knife was being taken from him. The Jury found the prisoner guilty. Sentence was reserved.

REGINA V. CHAN ASING AND LAM AKOW. The prisoners were charged with larceny from a dwelling house. The Jury found the prisoners both guilty. Lam Akow pleaded guilty to two previous convictions, and asked the Court to have mercy upon him. Sentence reserved.

REGINA V. TANG AHING. The prisoner was indicted for stealing a watch, valued at \$35, the property of Mr. Philip Arnold. The facts of the case were simply as follows: Mr. Arnold used to keep his watch under his pillow and one night last July he had been sleeping with his windows open on account of the heat and found in the morning that his watch and chain were missing. Nothing else was disturbed and nothing else was missed from the house. Information was given to the police, but nothing was heard of the watch till last month, when Sergeant Toomey was at a pawnbroker's shop examining some watches in search of some which had been stolen and found Mr. Arnold's there. The man who pawned it was found, and it was finally traced to the prisoner who had sold it to a man for \$12. The evidence was very convincing, and it was moreover a little trouble, requiring very careful and patient handling. The Jury found the prisoner guilty. Sentence was reserved.

Tam Ahing and Tam Alooing, two coolies were found guilty, the former of larceny and the latter of receiving some clothing &c., from the house of Mr. James. Sentence was reserved.

The Sessions were then adjourned till to-morrow at 10 a.m.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the “CHINA MAIL.” February 20, 1879. Sir,—Returning from the fire this morning at a few minutes to 12 p.m., I met the large Government Engine on its way down, going at the rate of one mile in 10 hours. Can you assign any reason for such cool indifference on the part of those responsible for the disgraceful dawdling?

Yours,

## THE RACES.

OFF DAY.—FEBRUARY 20TH. The races announced for to-day drew together a pretty large number of people to the Course. H. E. the Governor and Mrs. Kennedy and General Donovan and Mrs. Donovan were amongst those present.

The weather was delightful, neither too hot nor too cold and with a clear blue sky overhead; the day was a most enjoyable one. There were five events on to-day's programme: The Girls' Cup, the Reichsfreiherr Cup, the Strathavon's Champion Cup, the Visitor's Cup, and the Native Scramble. The first race brought forward two ponies; for the Reichsfreiherr Cup, there were three entries; the Strathavon's Champion Cup, four; the Visitor's Cup, five; and the Native Scramble, ten. The following are the results:—

“GRASS” Cup.—Value \$100, 14 miles, for all Griffs.—Winners excluded. Weight for inches. Entrance \$5, to go to second Pony.

Two ponies started: Black Moire, 10st. 12 (Nickels); and Room, 10st. 9 (Von Gonner). The race was considered almost a dead certainty for Black Moire, although Room was by no means contemptible antagonist.

Room went off with the lead and kept it for about half a mile, but Nickels caught and passed him at the Rock, and they had a tight race to the Straight, when Black Moire showed the way to the winning post, winning easily in a canter.

Black Moire 1 Time, 2mins. 51secs.

“REICHSFREIHERR” Cup.—Value \$150, 14 miles, for all beaten Ponies. Weight for inches. Entrance for Ponies accepting \$5, to go to second Pony.

Tien Ting 10st. 12 (Allen), Bismarck 11st. 1 (Hunt), The Doctor 11st. 1 (Nickels). The three got away to a good start, Bismarck making the running, and The Doctor being second. Bismarck went well for the first half mile, but he then became unruly and bolted across the course. The others were not slow to avail themselves of this misadventure, and Tien Ting went forward to contest the lead with The Doctor. Bismarck every now and again let out but the other two made the running into the Straight; Tien Ting winning a pretty race by about three lengths; Bismarck getting second.

Tien Ting 1 Time, 3min. 25secs. Bismarck 2

“STRATHAVON CHAMPION” Cup.—Value \$100, for all beaten Ponies. Weight for inches, 1 mile. Entrance \$5, to go to second Pony.

Cyclop 10st. 12 (Allen); Shere Dowlah 11st. 2 (Lewie); Blue Peter 11st. 1 (Von Gonner); Redstart 11st. 1 (Nickels).—The four got away in good order, Redstart taking the lead and going easily. He was considered the winner—at starting and his behaviour warranted the confidence reposed in him—although at one part of the race Cyclop looked like the winner; however coming into the Straight Redstart was put on his mettle and came in an easy winner at the finish.

Redstart 1 Cyclop 2 Blue Peter 3 Time, not obtained.

VISITORS OVR.—Presented, value \$—.—For all beaten subscription griffins, weight for inches. Entrance \$5, to go to the second pony. Three quarters of a mile.

The following ponies contested:—Room, 10st. 11 (Von Gonner); Wheel of Fortune, 10st. 12 (Allen); Bad Spec, 10st. 12 (Hunt); Dreadnought, 11st. 1 (Nickels); and Black Diamond, 11st. 1 (Lewie). The mokes got away well together; Black Diamond and Dreadnought appeared to be held in high favour, although Room found a few backers, and after a very tight race he landed the prize, leaving Black Diamond second and Dreadnought third.

Time, 1min. 38 1/2secs.

THE NATIVE SCRAMBLE, for China Ponies only; First Pony \$25, Second \$10, Third \$5; to be ridden by Chinamen; catch weights. Once Round.

Ten ponies started, and after a tight race with Demonic, Surcingle landed a winner.

Surcingle (The Horse) 1 Demonic (John Scott) 2 Ilo (The Shoeman) 3 Time, 1min. 53secs.

This event brought the Race Meeting of 1879 to a close.

## China.

SHANGHAI.

(Courier.)

The China Navigation Company's steamer Tun-sin (Capt. Mackay), which left this port yesterday (Feb. 11th) for Ningpo, put back to-day in tow of the Kiangtse (late Euph), having been in collision last night with the British ship Marika. We learn that the collision took place a little before seven o'clock in the evening, when the Tun-sin was going down the river, a little below the Small Beacon. The Marika was lying at anchor there. The Tun-sin passed too close to the Marika, coming just under her bowsprit and jibboom. The boats and davits, paddle-box and deckhouse, rails and stanchions on the starboard side of the Tun-sin were carried away, and the funnels knocked down. The Tun-sin now lies at the Company's wharf, on the Bund of the French Concession, and her starboard side, which is next the wharf, shows that she has been considerably damaged. The paddle-box, and the deckhouse which stood above it are gone, and the upper half of the paddle wheel is completely exposed. The two funnels are lying on the top of the main deckhouse, and the davits and stanchions all along the side of the vessel are twisted and broken. We have not heard as yet whether the Marika has suffered much damage. The passengers and cargo of the Tun-sin were transferred to another steamer, which left this afternoon for Ningpo.

## Japan.

(Japan Mail.)

We are indebted to the courtesy of Capt. Alderton of the P. & O. steamer China, for the following:—On Monday morning last, about 8 o'clock, as the China was passing Suwo Shima, about 10 miles off, a dense volume of smoke and brownish matter was seen to suddenly shoot up from the side of the island, to the height of at least 2,000 feet in the air. It appeared to extend towards the top of the island. The mass rushed up perpendicularly, and then formed into a sort of gigantic mushroom. The north-west breeze soon cleared the smoke away, and there appeared to be a heavy rain drifting across the sea. As the cloud was composed of brown ashes and fine scoria. The island of Suwo Shima is about 2,000 feet high. It is rarely that such a phenomenon occurs, without some great convulsion of the earth taking place elsewhere.

and we hope to hear of some explanation of it from our savans on the theory of earthquakes.

On the 1st instant 200 boxes, each containing 2,000 yen in silver coins, were received at the Finance Department, Tokio. They were forwarded from the Osaka Mint. The daily amount of coinage at the Osaka Mint, at the present time, is about 3,000 yen of silver-coins and 1,000 yen of copper.

The amount of duties paid into the Customs House in this port during the month of January, was as follows:—Export Duties, yen 68,866 1/2; Import Duties, yen 69,000 1/2; other Duties, yen 1,257 1/2. Total, yen 139,123 1/2.

It is said that the Mint at Osaka has lately been very busy and is now increasing the number of workmen.

In the early part of December last, some fishermen, whilst fishing in the sea near Hizen, grappled a large branch of what appeared to be a tree, of black colour, which being presented to the Museum in Tokio was ascertained to be a branch of black coral. It is now being exhibited at Tokio.

It is reported that the port of Mangame, in Shikoku, is to be re-constructed, at an estimated expense amounting to yen 188,000. One half of this sum will be paid jointly by Kurose, a noted merchant, and seven others, whilst the balance is to be raised by public subscription. The work of construction will be commenced shortly.

Tohi Washihoro, of Kanda, Tokio, has applied for permission to manufacture jinrikishas to carry 9 persons, and also to be allowed to run them in the streets of Tokio.

## HONGKONG.

(Correspondent of the Shanghai Courier.)

“Mikao” courts.

February 1st, 1879.

Almost everybody residing in Hongkong has heard or read more or less of your Mixed Court in Shanghai, but although we admire your institutions and admit their perfection in some respects, yet we do not envy you. We are satisfied that your Court is no more mixed than ours, and when we hear you shout at your mixture, we know full well that we can turn out a Court that is capable of getting just as hopelessly tangled up as any in the world. And yet we have no false pride. We are not talking about it eternally. We are little for those distinctions. We may have been a little behindhand lately, but now that our Chief Justice has returned, we propose to resume our front seat among the Mixed Courts.

This Court knows itself and derives a heap of solid comfort from the intimacy. It has in reserve a deep fountain of dignity, that sometimes runs over, sometimes leaks badly, but is always plentiful and copious. Its powers are not limited by human laws, neither is it a Court only when in actual session. It is ubiquitous and has heavenly attributes. It is always a Court, and always sitting. It is perpetual, perennial, and everlasting. It carries its authority and full powers everywhere. It would be extremely unhealthy to shy a brick at it in the street, or to criticize its judicial actions in the papers. This Court is always in session and never sleeps. It pulls on its black cap before retiring to its couch, and in the dead stillness of the night, thunders out imaginary sentences to long lines of trembling murderers and chicken-fauces. It is a hard working Court, and does it all itself. It doesn't bother its head about the lawyers; it relieves the Attorney-General from all duties and responsibilities; never has any nonsense about charging the juries, but harangues them for prosecution always, and orders them to convict. It is the well established rule of this Court that every prisoner is guilty until he proves his innocence, and all evidence except Chinese must be received with due caution. “If the prisoner is not guilty” (says this Court) “what would he be doing here?” It is opposed to new-fangled innovations, and its customs and usages were in vogue in the dawn of time. It lays down the law that if a man is cutting down a tree in this colony, and his axe flies off the handle, and causes down another man's throat, thereby killing his death, there may perhaps be mitigating circumstances, always providing the man who swallowed the axe stood outside the limits of this colony at the time; but if the party of the first part still owned the money for that axe, and had never paid for it or had the seal of this Court put on it, then the crime is arson in the first degree. If the other man recovers from his over-dose of iron, he must prove that the deed was done without his knowledge or consent, otherwise he is hauled up for obtaining axes under false pretences.

I will not dwell on the circumstances under which I made the acquaintance of this Court, for it is better that one should not trust himself too far forward in writing of such things as these. It is sufficient to say that I had certain dealings with it, which concerned me more than the outside public—and let it go at that.

The jurisdiction of the Court is not confined to this colony, but takes in the rolling earth, the sea, and all that in them is. Captain Jack Bunbury asks, “If a ship stands out by St. George's channel, which lies right ahead on her? The Downs. But that don't go to prove she'll run agin the Downs. The bearings of this observation, lies in the application on it.” The fact cannot be disputed, that if a ship “stands out” from any port in christendom, under any flag, the spot that lies right ahead of her is Hongkong. If there is a crime committed on that ship ten miles from land, or a cow falls overboard, or the captain draws his revolver on a sailor and shoots him full of holes like a coal screen, this Court will tackle it as cheerfully and readily as if it was done in this harbor.

The case of the “Lathely ditch” was somewhat peculiar, to say the least. On her arrival here, the steward went before his Consul and applied for his discharge and three months' extra pay; said Consul having the power vested in him by his government, to award the money—for cause—at his discretion. It appears he could not find sufficient cause, and declined to make the award. Then the faithful steward brought his case before the Court. The simple fact that there is not, and never was any law here which would entitle the steward to his three months' pay under any circumstances, did not worry this Court for a moment. It ruled him the money under the foreign law, and settled the question between his own conscience and its maker. Such is life. A man must be something more than a gallant soldier, before he can drop on these legal distinctions.

Another important case decided here recently, will illustrate the mere then spirit wisdom of this Court, and will

furnish the world with a precedent for ages. On the arrival of the steamer Oceanic, the local authorities, at the request of a certain banker here, waited upon one of the passengers and brought him before the Court. He was said to have appropriated some thirty or forty thousand dollars, to which a bank in San Francisco claimed the prior right. This young financier was not charged with felony, nor was his extradition asked for. The authorities were only asked, I believe, to hang on to his money if there was any left. The Court asked him if he could produce any substantial reason why sentence of death should not be pronounced upon him.

He said: Most potent grave and reverend Signor, from my youth up have I wrought in the employ of a certain bank in San Francisco. In an evil hour I was enticed into the den of gamblers. That was the beginning of my embarrassments. They scooped men in. But I commended within myself and said, I will have another whack at this game, and perchance I yet may beat it. Again I laboured with the pastebord, and again I went home busted. I never dealt poorer since I was a man. Having the handling of certain moneys, the property of complainants, I loaded myself with shekels and went for the game again. They cleared me out in exactly five minutes by the watch. And now, pressed down by the iron hand of pitiless misfortune, I thought the best thing I could do was to ship out of the country, and so I returned home, gathered together what loose scrip still was left, and fled from the wrath to come.

“Is that all you say?”

“Good, my lord, I did no more than this. The things which I have told you are the only things I did. The coin I got my claws on was the only coin I took.”

That was the whole story. That was his temptation, his downfall and his ruin. It was a solemn moment, and betwixt were freely offered that he would get at least three hundred years, for when this Court sits on a prisoner it comes down solid, like a pile-driver. The effect of the confession, took almost everybody by surprise. The Court rose up, fell upon his neck, and floated him in tears. It said, “This is the most plain straightforward statement we ever listened to during our useful career as lawyers, gentlemen, and noblemen. It is merely a civil offence, if offence be not too strong a word. Your chief fault lies in excessive civility. I must admit that you have gone a little too far, and carried it almost to the verge of eccentricity; but your higher and nobler feelings assumed their sway, and you immediately took the first steamer to Hongkong, that you might hand the money over to this Court. You were afraid lest somebody should steal it, and so you hooked on to it yourself. I am surprised at the complainant, surprised and grieved, that he, as a man of the world, should interfere with the cheerful pleasures of youth. The judgment of this Court is, that you be sentenced to the Government House for one month, and that every day you must absorb one lecture from His Excellency on the efficiency of the Fire Department; and may the Lord have mercy on your soul. From this decision there is no appeal.”

MAX O'LEARY.

## THE WRECK OF THE “STAR QUEEN.”

The following account is given of this disaster by the Rising Sun and Nagasaki Express:—

The Star Queen was manned by a mixed crew of Malays and Chinamen and was commanded by Captain Mackintosh, who we regret to say was killed by a falling mast, while no less than twenty of the crew were lost, the chief officer and ten others being the only ones saved. These latter have arrived at Nagasaki, with the remains of their dead captain, which were interred at the cemetery. The survivors were well cared for by the natives of the islands, and everything was done to alleviate their sufferings and make them comfortable until such time as they could be sent to Nagasaki.

The Star Queen left Nagasaki on Tuesday afternoon, the 21st ult., at half-past five, and at ten minutes to eight had passed Iwosima lighthouse. All went well and the vessel was making a knot an hour until ten o'clock, when a south-south-east gale sprang up, and as a current was setting in to the northward, the ship became unmanageable and drifted on to an island called Oosima, which standing about three hundred feet high in one part presents a bold and rugged front. The night was dark, rain and sleet were falling, and soon after midnight the vessel drove on the rocks, the topmasts falling overboard with the first crash. Sea after sea continued to complete the damage already commenced, the boats were washed away, and in twenty minutes all chance of saving the ship was over, and each one on board had to save himself or perish. Captain Mackintosh was killed by the falling of the mizen-mast, and only eleven out of thirty-three remain to tell the story of this appalling calamity. Two women and two children are among those lost.

No mere words can sufficiently acknowledge or testify to the kindness of the natives, who appear to have treated every one rescued with the greatest attention and liberality. Doctors were sent for, houses and clothes were provided, and all the luxuries that this poor island could afford were placed at the disposal of the shipwrecked crew. All speak in the highest terms of the treatment they received, and the two men who are left in charge of the wreck will no doubt add their testimony to the goodness of the inhabitants of the island. The hull of the vessel is lying perhaps in five or six fathoms of water, but all vestige of her is gone, and little remains to tell the sad story of this first disaster of 1879.

On the 4th inst., a Naval Court was held at the British Consulate, Nagasaki, to enquire into the loss of the British barque Star Queen. The Court was composed of James Troupe, Esq., H.B.M.'s Consul, President; Thomas B. Moody, Esq., Lieutenant H.M.S. Egeria, and Edward C. Bridgman, Esq., Master British barque Dons Castle. After hearing the evidence of A. J. Glover, chief officer of the Star Queen, the following finding was returned:—“That the ship was lost on the morning of the 22nd Jan., 1879, on the island of Kisima; but no log-book or papers of any description having been saved, and the sole evidence on oath being that of the mate, we consider that the evidence is not sufficient to warrant our attributing blame for the loss of the ship to any person.”

The wreck of the Star Queen has been sold and brought the sum of \$1,330, and the coals, which were put up to auction about the same time, started at a bid of 20 cents, from which they went up step by step till they realised the comparatively large sum of \$225.



## Mails.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

## STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

POINT DE GALLE, ADEN,

COLOMBO, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT

SAID, NAPLES, AND

MARSEILLES;

Also,

BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND

PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 22nd February,

1879, at Noon, the Company's S.S.

YANGTSE, Commandant NOMDEDET,

with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,

and CARGO, will leave this Port for the

above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for

London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted

in transit through Marseilles for the

principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until

Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until

4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.

on the 21st February, 1879. (Parcels are

not to be sent on board; they must be left

at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-

quired.

For further particulars, apply at the

Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. fe22

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

## PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP

## COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA

OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING

AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF

PEKING will be despatched for San

Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY,

the 24th Instant, at 3 p.m., taking

Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the

United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-

portation to Yokohama and other Japan

Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and

Inland Cities of the United States via Over-

land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and

Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central

and South America by the Company's and

connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to

England, France, and Germany by all

trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On Through Passages to EUROPE,

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER

CENT from Regular Rates is granted to

OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY,

and MEMBERS of the CIVIL and

CONSULAR SERVICES in COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until

4 p.m., of 23rd Instant. Parcel Packages

will be received at the office until 5 p.m.

same day; all Parcel Packages should be

marked to address in full; value of same

is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland

Cargo should be sent to the Company's

Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the

Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

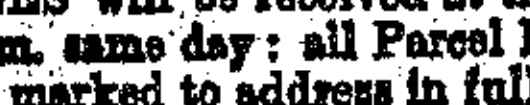
For further information as to Passage

and Freight, apply to the Agency of the

Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 14, 1879. fe24



## STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE

GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,

BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-

TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-

AMPTON, AND LONDON;

Also,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship

GUYALOR, Captain J. C. BAKER, will leave

this on SATURDAY, the 1st March, at

Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. MOYER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879. mal

Occidental & Oriental Steam

Ship Company.

PAKING THROUGH CARGO AND

PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED

STATES AND EUROPE,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

CENTRAL

and

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING

RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BELGIC will be despatched

for San Francisco via Yokohama,

on or about the 15th day of March, 1879, at

3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to

Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with

Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until

4 p.m. of the 14th March. PARCEL

PACKAGES will be received at the Office

until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages

should be marked to address in full; value

of same is required.

A Reduction is made on RETURN PAS-

SSENGERS.

For further information as to Freight

and Passage, apply to the Agency of the

Company, No. 27, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 8, 1879. mrlb

## Notices of Firms.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

## MARITIMES.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM Date Mr G. de CHAMPEAUX

Assumes the Management of the

Company's Agency at this Port.

L. HENNEQUIN,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of

Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our

Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on

the 31st December last.

Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is

admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

## NOTICE.

I HAVE admitted Captain EDWARD

BURNIE to an Interest in my Busi-

ness of MARINE SURVEYOR.

R. H. CAIRNS.

Club Chambers,

Hongkong, February 6, 1879. mal

## NOTICE.

MR. EZEKIEL ABRAHAM SOLO-

MON has been admitted a Partner

in our Firm at this Port and in China,

from 1st January, 1879.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe24

## NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as

a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c.,

at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of

"J. G. SMITH & Co."

J. GRANT SMITH.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

## To Let.

TO LET.

TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, OUT-

HOUSES, OFFICES and

GODOWNS,

Recently occupied by Messrs W. POSTAV

& Co.

Apply to

LINSTEAD & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

## TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable

for OFFICES and DWELLING, also

for a STORE, Queen's Road Central.

Possession 1st March next.

Apply to

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

## TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,

formerly known as the Blue Houses,

situate on Praya East:—

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession

1st February.

HOUSE No. 4, Praya East, either the

whole House or in Flats, with possession

on the 1st April next.

As also,

A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the

DWELLING to the eastward of the Pier,

with part of its spacious Verandah. Imme-

diat Possession.

## TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,

attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,

MARINE LOT 65.

Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close

to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on

Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

## TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED

GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,

Praya Central.

Apply to

TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GO-

DOWN, Nos. 54 and 60,

Praya Central.

Apply to

WO HANG,

Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

## Insurance.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,

(LIMITED.)

## NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on

Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

In accordance with the Company's Articles

of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,

are distributed annually to Contributors

whether Shareholders or not, in proportion

to the net amount of Premiums contributed

by each, the remaining third being carried

to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,

General Agent.

Hongkong, December 8, 1878.

## QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant

Policies against Fire to the extent of

\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored

therein, at current local rates, subject to a

Discount of 20% on the Premiums.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

## Insurance.

## SWISS LLOYD

## TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY

## OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Company, have

This Day taken over charge of the Hong-

kong Agency, and are prepared to grant

INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current

Rates to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

## THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-

## ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents in Hongkong for the above-

named Company, are prepared to Grant

POLICIES against FIRE on Buildings and

on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the

usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-

count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable

reduction in Premiums for Life Insurance in

China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

## NORTH BRITISH &amp; MERCANTILE

## INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and

Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong

for the above Company, are prepared to

grant Policies against FIRE, to the

extent of £10,000 on any Building, or

on Merchandise in the same, at the

usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20

per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above

Company, are prepared to grant In-

surances at current rates.

MELOERS & Co.

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

## LANCASHIRE INSURANCE